

### ***From the Mayor***

*Charles H. Harbaugh, IV*

I am happy to announce that our 9<sup>th</sup> Annual Car & Truck Show was our most successful one to date. There was a total of 200 participants that lined Historic Main Street. The total money raised was well over \$3,300 which will benefit our annual July 4<sup>th</sup> Celebration. I would like to thank everyone who came out and volunteered their time and supported the event. We are indebted to you for your services.

Once again, we had some pretty amazing sponsors this year. As always, our local businesses graciously contributed door prizes and gift certificates. City National Bank was our largest sponsors as they have been in years past. Town resident Thomas A. Lash and Stringray Motors sponsored the license plate toppers. We still have plenty of license plate toppers available for purchase. Please stop by the town office to get yours today.

The lighting of the luminaries will take place the evening of Saturday October 29, 2019 starting at the traffic light on Main Street heading south of town ending at Timeless Wines. We will need volunteers to help fill, set up and light the luminaries. If you are interested in commemorating the 964 fallen soldiers please contact me.

Please remember to join us for our 3rd Annual Patriot's Pride Day hosted by the Town of Middletown and Colonel James Wood, II Chapter Sons of the American Revolution. The event will be held at the Middletown Veteran's Memorial located on the south end of town on September 28, 2019 from 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### ***From the Police Chief***

*Gary Benedict Jr.*

Trick or Treat will be held on Thursday October 31, 2019 from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. If you will be passing out candy please make sure your front porch and walkway areas are well lit to ensure everyone's safety. Please be aware and courteous when walking or driving along the roadways and make sure there is adult supervision for children at all times to avoid any accidents. Flash lights or reflective clothing are always a good idea.

All non-life-threatening matters which require an officer please contact Frederick County non-emergency dispatch at 540-662-6162. If you have an emergency please call 911. All calls for service must first go through Frederick County dispatch. Frederick County dispatch will contact the officer/deputy on duty who will be handling the complaint. This will ensure that all calls are handled properly and in an efficient & timely manner.

Please do not call the Town office with police matters. This creates confusion, possible miscommunications and takes up unnecessary time in having an officer/deputy respond to the complaint. For questions or concerns please contact the Middletown Police Department Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. (540)868-0535. Only leave a voice message if the return call is for administrative or for informational purposes.

### ***From the Town Manager/Treasurer***

*Rebecca Layman*

Real Estate and Personal Property bills will be mailed in mid-October and will be due on December 5, 2019. Please remember if you have sold, traded, disposed of and/or purchased a vehicle you must update your information with Frederick County so that the Town of Middletown can bill you correctly. This helps save time for all parties involved. The Town can only bill what Frederick County reports to our office. To contact the personal property division of Frederick County please call (540) 665-5681 ext. 1

**\*\*\*Last Day of Yard Waste Pick-Up Monday November 4, 2019\*\*\***

### ***From the Clerk***

*Christina Smith*

Reminder if you are having contracted work done at your home such as roofing, plumbing, electrical, landscaping, additions, etc. please make sure the individual(s) have a valid Town of Middletown business license. This helps ensure you're dealing with a legitimate business. We have had a few complaints from residents regarding door to door sales offering to do miscellaneous jobs. The complaints included poor workmanship and not completing the job promised after payment had been issued. No one should be soliciting any type of business in the Town of Middletown without a valid business license issued by the town.

***Please update your contact information with the Town office. Telephone numbers are very important to the Town staff in case we need to contact you in the event of an emergency.***

All utility payments are due by the due date indicated and, if late, penalties will be applied. If the bill is not paid in full by the cut-off date, service will be disconnected for non-payment and there will be a \$100.00 cut-off/on fee added to your bill. Only those individuals with bona fide emergencies will be considered on a case-by-case basis for a ONE-TIME deferment. There will be no payment arrangements. If you have any question regarding this policy please contact the Town Clerk 540-869-2226 ext. 1

For information regarding the Town of Middletown please visit the Town's website [www.middletownva.gov](http://www.middletownva.gov)

### ***From the Zoning Administrator***

*Michele Snyder*

Fall is upon us and camping season is coming to an end, per Town Code all travel trailers, and the like, need to be stored only within the minimum rear yard requirements. (Middletown Town Code § 17-6-A) In addition it shall be unlawful for a camper or travel trailer to be parked on any street or alley of the town for more than twenty-four hours. (Middletown Town Code § 8-10)

Please remember when mowing your grass to NOT leave grass clippings or debris on the sidewalk or streets. This is for the safety of our motor cyclists along with water runoff and clogging the storm drains. (Middletown Town Code § 6-1)

When out on your walks with "Fido" please be considerate and pickup waste. It is unlawful to allow feces deposited by his/her animal to remain on any public highway, street, sidewalk, part of other public property, or on private property without written consent of the owner thereof or his agent.

Penalty – Any person who knowingly violates this Ordinance shall be guilty of a littering infraction and shall be subject to a fine of not more than \$25.00 per occurrence. (Middletown Town Code § 3-8)

Any projects that might be underway may need a Zoning Permit. Please feel free to stop in to discuss if a permit is necessary as this will assure that nothing is built on an existing easement as well as getting the necessary inspections.

Signage cannot be placed in any State-maintained right of way. State-maintained right of way is property along a roadway on either side. This area does not belong to individual property owners. It must be kept clear for motorist safety and so road crews have room to work. (VA State Code § 33.2-1224)

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### *From the Maintenance Department*

Please make sure the water meter on your property is free and clear at all times. This is the property owner/tenant's responsibility. The meter should never be covered by any type of over growth including but not limited to; grass, weeds, bushes, vehicles, boats, trailers, etc. This can cause serious problems in the event of an emergency if we are unable to find and/or access the meter. The meter should be visible and most importantly easy to access. Please take the time to make sure the water meter in your yard is accessible.

Please take time to review the guidelines for yard waste. **We will no longer pick up any yard waste that does not meet the required guidelines.** Yard waste collection will be every Monday, and must be placed curbside by 7:30 a.m. Yard waste consists of grass trimmings and leaves which CANNOT weigh more than 40 lbs. Branches or twigs can be **NO LONGER** than four (4) feet in length and **NO LARGER** than twelve (12) inches in diameter and must be **tied in bundles** (no wire or plastic string). Yard waste must be placed in biodegradable or paper yard waste bags only **NO PLASTIC BAGS**. Yard waste should not be placed curbside until the morning of collection. This helps keep the community neat and free of clutter.

If you notice a street light out please contact the Public Works Department at 540-869-7731. Please provide the following information. Your name, your phone number, the street light address and the pole number if possible. We will then contact Rappahannock Electric regarding the outage.

### *Middletown Veterans Memorial*

*Raymond Steele*

We will host our Veterans Day Ceremony on Monday November 11, 2019 at 2:00 p.m. Please plan to join us and support our veterans. Our guest speaker this year will be Senior Chief Yeoman Ralph H. Hensley III, Retired U.S. Navy. Mr. Hensley has a long and distinguished career serving in various positions within the Department of Defense. Currently, he is serving as the Chief of Life Support and Veterans Outreach Coordinator, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Transatlantic Middle East District, Winchester, VA and has served as the District's Command Executive Officer and Executive Assistant. Mr. Hensley volunteers as a board member of the Godfrey Miller Home and Fellowship Center, on the Old Town Walking Mall and serves as the Third Vice Commander for the AMVETS' Department of Virginia and Third Vice Commander for AMVETS Post 18, Winchester, VA. He resides part-time in both Winchester, VA and Dayton, VA with his spouse.

There are still plenty of bricks for purchase. It makes the perfect gift to honor that special someone who has served. We are indebted to those brave men and women who have served and those that are still serving our great country. This is truly a wonderful way to honor those that have fought for our freedom.

We will continue to install bricks twice a year as we receive orders. Please come out and support the memorial by purchasing a brick or by making a donation. All donations are appreciated. God Bless you.

### *Middletown Heritage Society*

*Tess Klimm*

If you have stories to tell or any interest in Middletown's history, please come to The Middletown Heritage Society's monthly meetings. We meet for lunch or coffee as you like at The Wayside Inn at noon on the second Thursday of the month except January and July. MHS is a non-profit organization dedicated to preserving artifacts and stories about Middletown's long history. Everyone is welcome and appreciated. Monthly meetings are informal with no need to RSVP. Any questions please call Tess Klimm 540-247-2211.

## *Middletown Volunteer Fire & Rescue Company*

On September 21, 2019 from 7:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. we will have a Pancake Breakfast at the Fire Hall. Meals are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.

October 26, 2019 beginning at 4:30 p.m. we will hold our annual Turkey or Oyster Supper. Meals are \$17 for adults and \$9 for children under 12.

Bingo is every Tuesday evening at 7:00 p.m. held in the Fire Department Social Hall. Doors open at 5:00 p.m. Concession is sold by the Company Auxiliary. Smoke free facilities. Come out and support your fire company.

## *Calendar of Events*

### **September**

September 23 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

September 28 – Patriot's Pride Day 2:00 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

### **October**

October 7 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 14 – Columbus Day – Town office closed

October 15 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 28 – Planning Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m.

October 31 – Trick or Treat 6:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

### **November**

November 4 – Last Day of Yard Waste Pick-Up

November 4 – Work Session Meeting 7:00 p.m.

November 11 – Veterans Day – Town office closed

November 11 – Veterans Day Ceremony at Middletown Veterans Memorial 2:00 p.m.

November 12 – Town Council Meeting 7:00 p.m.

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